

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF LIBERTY, INDIANA  
November 17, 2025**

The Town Council of the Town of Liberty, Indiana had a regular meeting on November 17, 2025 at the Town Administration building located at 101 Brownsville Avenue.

Mr. Tipton called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Jerry Kahl, Jeff Lang and Ross Keasling

Also in attendance was Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer; Allison Webb, Union County Foundation; Todd Dickenson and Matt Reuss

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2025. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**ORDINANCES**

After a brief discussion, Ordinance 2025-6 was tabled until the next meeting.

After a brief discussion, Ordinance 2025-5 The 2026 Salary Ordinance was tabled for the final reading until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Keasling made a motion to approve Amended Resolution 2025-16. Mr. Kahl supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Utilities Superintendent Matt Reuss informed the Council that Comcast is almost finished with the final drawings for the fiber optic installation. Comcast is requesting to use the Town's pole yard to store construction materials while they are in town. According to Comcast, they are expected to use the pole yard for three months. Mr. Kahl inquired as to the amount Whitewater Valley REMC was charged for the pole yard rental. Ms. Shepler informed Mr. Kahl that REMC rented the pole yard for \$ 100.00 per year. After a brief discussion, Mr. Keasling suggested that the Town charge Comcast \$ 500.00 per month to rent the pole yard for 90 days. The Town would have the right to extend the lease depending on Comcast's need for the storage. Ms. Shepler that she would have the Town's Attorney to draft an agreement for the Council to review.

Due to an accident, Chief Dickenson was late getting to the meeting. When he did arrive, he made the recommendation to hire Tanner Earl as the candidate to replace retiring officer John Pike. It was decided that Officer Earl would receive the base pay as stated in the 2026 Salary Ordinance plus the \$ 40.00 per pay stipend for completing the Tier 2 Academy which he has done already through Reid Hospital. Depending on when Officer Earl is available to start, she will bring an amended 2025 Salary Ordinance to the Council at the next meeting for his pay for the final weeks of 2025. The Council unanimously agreed to the hiring Officer Earl.

**MISC. BUSINESS**

Allison Webb with Union County Foundation approached the Council to sign a support letter on behalf of the newly established Main Street Revitalization Organization, LibertyCAN. The new organization will be permitted to receiving funding through grants to improve various aspects of the Town. The Council asked Ms. Webb several questions as regarding the organization, its objective and funding. After discussion, Mr. Kahl made a motion to allow Mr. Tipton to sign the support letter. Mr. Lang supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed. Ms. Webb also discussed with the Council a fundraiser the Foundation was doing. Participants for the fundraiser would build snowmen in downtown area. They would be located on the sidewalks or if that was not available then they would use the grass area they own. Matt Reuss inform Ms. Webb that if participants put their snowmen on the sidewalk, they have to allow five feet of clearance. Ms. Webb stated that she would make sure participants were aware of that. She stated that the participants will be responsible for cleaning up at the end of December. If the participant does not clean it up, she would.

Mr. Tipton spoke with Jolie Jolliff, Director of the Union County Public Library regarding her request for street closures for a 5k run. After a brief discussion regarding logistics, Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve the street closure. Mr. Keasling supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Ms. Shepler presented The Mesothelioma's Center's request to advertise their services through the Town's website. After a brief discussion, the unanimously decided to not allow the Center's request. It was suggested the Center contact the health department to advertise on their website.

Mr. Kahl made a motion to approve October's bank reconciliations. Mr. Lang supported the motion. Upon a vote viva voce, motion passed.

Mr. Keasling inquired as to the street opened for the library construction project. Mr. Reuss informed that the fence had been removed as he noticed it was gone when he went home after work. Ms. Shepler confirmed it as well.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Keasling and supported by Mr. Lang the meeting was adjourned.

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Dereck Tipton, Vice President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Shepler, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Liberty Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/@LibertyIndiana> or visit the Town of Liberty website, libertyin.gov for the meeting as well. The meetings will appear on the website for as long as the website can support the video.